

**stalk**

I

- [stɔ:k] *n*
- 1) **бот.** стебель, цветоножка; черешок  
cabbage stalk - кочерыжка
  - 2) **зоол.** ножка, стебелёк
  2. стержень
  3. высокая дымовая труба
  4. длинная прямая часть любого предмета; ствол пера, трубка термометра *и т. п.*
  5. 1) высокая подставка
  - 2) ножка (*рюмки и т. п.*)
  6. тетива лестницы-стремянки
  7. **стр.** вертикальная грань подпорной стенки

II

1. [stɔ:k] *n*
  - 1) осторожное преследование (*дичи, зверя и т. п.*)
  - 2) подкрадывание; скрытное продвижение (*войск*)
  2. величавая, торжественная поступь
2. [stɔ:k] *v*
  - 1) подкрадываться, (*крадучись*) преследовать; выслеживать  
to stalk a deer - выслеживать оленя  
to stalk a criminal - преследовать /выслеживать/ преступника  
to stalk the target - **воен.** ловить цель  
a nightmare that stalks his sleep - кошмар, преследующий его во сне
  - 2) скрытно продвигаться; прочёсывать  
to stalk the woods for deer - рыскать по лесу в поисках оленей
  2. **часто пренебр.** шествовать, выступать; шагать, вышагивать  
he turned on his heel and stalked stiffly out - он повернулся кругом и торжественно удалился
  3. распространяться, расплзаться (*об эпидемии, слухах и т. п.*)  
starvation stalks the devastated area - голод ходит по разорённому краю

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**stalk** [stalk stalks stalked stalking] **noun, verb** BrE [stɔ:k] NAmE [stɔ:k]

**noun**

1. a thin **↑stem** that supports a leaf, flower or fruit and joins it to another part of the plant or tree; the main **↑stem** of a plant
  - flowers on long stalks
  - celery stalks
  - He ate the apple, stalk and all.
2. a long thin structure that supports sth, especially an organ in some animals, and joins it on to another part
  - Crabs have eyes on stalks.

Word Origin:

- n.** Middle English stale 'rung of a ladder, long handle'
- v.** late Old English -stealcian bistealcian 'walk cautiously or stealthily' Germanic **↑steal**

**verb**

1. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth/sb)** to move slowly and quietly towards an animal or a person, in order to kill, catch or harm it or them
  - The lion was stalking a zebra.
  - He stalked his victim as she walked home, before attacking and robbing her.
2. **transitive ~ sb** to illegally follow and watch sb over a long period of time, in a way that is annoying or frightening
  - She claimed that he had been stalking her over a period of three years.
3. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to walk in an angry or proud way
  - He stalked off without a word.
  - The actress stalked out of a press conference when asked if she had a weight problem.
4. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to move through a place in an unpleasant or threatening way
  - The gunmen stalked the building, looking for victims.
  - (*figurative*) Fear stalks the streets of the city at night.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	stalk
	BrE /stɔ:k/
	NAmE /stɔ:k/
he / she /it	stalks
	BrE /stɔ:ks/
	NAmE /stɔ:ks/
past simple, past participle	stalked
	BrE /stɔ:kt/
	NAmE /stɔ:kt/
-ing form	stalking
	BrE /stɔ:kɪŋ/
	NAmE /stɔ:kɪŋ/

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## Example Bank:

- He was arrested and accused of stalking the actor over a period of three years.
- Snatching up her bag, she stalked out of the room.

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I. **stalk**<sup>1</sup> /stɔːk\$ stɔːk BrE<sup>u</sup> AmE<sup>u</sup> noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Perhaps from stale 'step of a ladder, long handle' (11-19 centuries), from Old English stalu]



1. a long narrow part of a plant that supports leaves, fruits, or flowers:

celery stalks

2. a thin upright object

3. **sb's eyes are out on stalks** *British English informal* if your eyes are out on stalks, you are very surprised or shocked

II. **stalk**<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>u</sup> AmE<sup>u</sup> verb

[Language: Old English; Origin: bestealcian]

1. [transitive] to follow a person or animal quietly in order to catch and attack or kill them ⇒ **shadow**:

a tiger stalking its prey

We know the rapist stalks his victims at night.

2. [transitive] to follow and watch someone over a long period of time in a way that is very annoying or threatening, and that is considered a crime in some places:

She was stalked by an obsessed fan.

3. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to walk in a proud or angry way, with long steps

**stalk out/off/away**

Yvonne turned and stalked out of the room in disgust.

4. [transitive] *literary* if something bad stalks a place, you see or feel it everywhere in that place:

Fear stalks every dark stairwell and walkway.

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## THESAURUS

- **follow** to walk, drive etc behind or after someone, for example in order to see where they are going: The man had followed her home to find out where she lived. | Follow that car! | He hired a detective to follow her.
- **chase** to quickly run or drive after someone or something in order to catch them when they are trying to escape: Police chased the car along the motorway at speeds of up to 90 mph.
- **run after somebody/go after somebody** to quickly follow someone or something in order to stop them or talk to them: I ran after him to say sorry, but he'd already got on the bus.
- **stalk** /stɔːk\$ stɔːk to secretly follow an animal in order to kill it, or to secretly follow a person in order to attack them: a tiger stalking its prey | He had a long history of stalking women in his neighbourhood.
- **pursue** /pə'sjuː\$ pər'suː/ *written* to chase someone in a very determined way: The ship was being pursued by enemy submarines.
- **give chase** *written* to chase someone or something who is trying to escape from you: One of the officers gave chase and arrested the man. | The calf ran away and the lion gave chase.
- **tail** to secretly follow someone in order to watch what they do and where they go: Apparently, the police had been tailing the terrorists for months.
- **track** to follow and find a person or animal by looking at the marks they leave on the ground: The bushmen were tracking antelope in the Kalahari desert.

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